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Bitterroot Grizzly Bear EIS
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1 If we must reintroduce grizzly bears into the area, Alternative Number 1 is probably the better one. We oppose the second paragraph as it is written. It appears as though the Secretary of Interior can determine that the CMC is not adequate and manage the reintroduction as he/she determines necessary. If the Secretary determines the CMC is not functioning properly, then the entire NEPA process should start over.

If this paragraph remains as written, we would only support Alternative Number 3.

2 Could you please explain how the grizzly bear recovery in the BE would lead to a net economic benefit of 40.4 to 60.6 million dollars per year?

Norman C. Steadman
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